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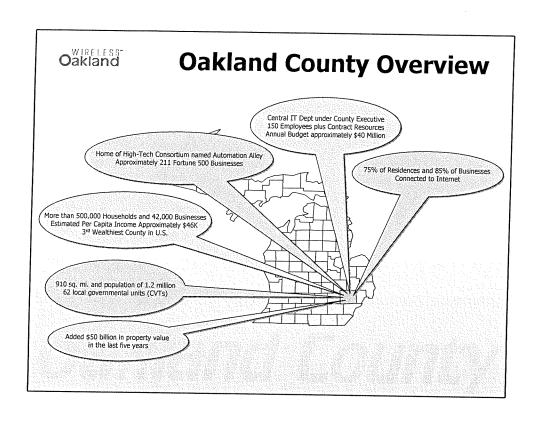
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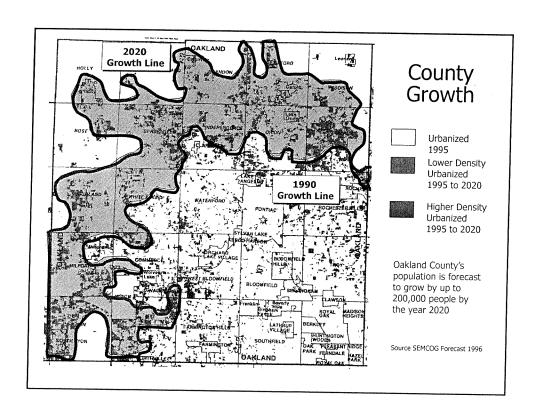
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# Wireless Oakland: Project Goals & Benefits

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## **Project Goals**

- To blanket Oakland County with wireless internet service
- To break down the **digital divide** by offering "no-cost" or "low-cost" PCs, wireless technology, and training to underserved populations within Oakland County
- To enhance the commercial and residential character of the County by embracing technology in county and local planning practices

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## **Project Benefits**

- Enhance Oakland County's ability to attract and retain high-tech and nanotechnology businesses
- Enhance Oakland County's residential character
- Support a growing mobile workforce in public and private sectors

## **Project Benefits**

- Elevate the **technical knowledge** of Oakland County's workforce
- Support the County's continued provision of eGovernment services and allow elected officials to "push" digital information to larger constituent groups

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## **Call to Action**

- Partners are a key component of this initiative:
  - Local government
  - Private industry
  - Educational community
  - Automation Alley
  - GLIMA
  - Michigan Broadband Authority
  - Legislature

## Wireless Oakland Public Corporation Overview

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## **WOPC Overview**

- The County and other interested public entities will create a public corporation (WOPC) to collect and pool their respective public assets
- The WOPC **WILL NOT** own or operate the wireless network
- WOPC will create unique partnership(s) and facilitate access to the assets necessary to buildout and operate the wireless network
- WOPC will license the use of collected assets to private partners on a non-exclusive, noninterfering basis

## **WOPC Overview**

- Private partners shall not have any permanent or exclusive rights to these public assets
- Private sector advisory committee will be formed and report to WOPC
- Key governance issues:
  - Quality of service and technology integration
  - Wireless Oakland "captive portal" content

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**County-wide Wireless Internet Service Project Overview** 

## **Project Overview**

- Oakland County will not own or operate wireless network
- Will leverage public assets (infrastructure) already funded by county taxpayers
- Will provide incentive for private sector implementation and partner with technology provider(s) to offer service

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## **General Requirements**

- To provide "open-air" and "in-building" wireless internet service that compliments broadband services currently provided throughout the County
- A portion of the wireless internet bandwidth will be **free** to all residents, businesses and visitors of Oakland County
- WISP(s) will be permitted to sell, and profit from, additional services above and beyond those free services
- Public entities and/or the WOPC will not be allowed to financially benefit from the "for-fee" services

## **General Requirements**

- The wireless internet service will be provided in rural and urban areas so county-wide coverage can be ensured
- The wireless internet service will support "consumer-based" technologies
- Access to the wireless internet service will be provided through standard captive portal and single log-in database that provides uniform user experience
- Public tax dollars and/or grant monies will not be used to subsidize the provision of wireless internet service

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#### **Private Partner Selection**

- Released RFQ and seeking proposals for "full service" internet service providers who offer:
  - Wireless network architecture, design, and hardware procurement services
  - Hardware installation, ISP connectivity, and operation/maintenance services
  - Marketing, and customer/technical support services
- Responses must detail:
  - Business Model, Technical Solutions, Implementation and Support Services

#### **Private Partner Criteria**

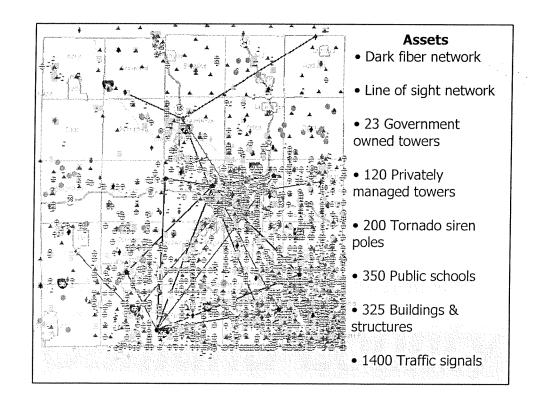
- Business Model
  - Public or "Free" Services, User Fees and Services, Sustainability Plans
- Experience and Corporate Viability
- Implementation Approach
  - Technology Solutions, Support Services, Proposed Coverage Areas
- Creative Solutions

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**Wireless Oakland Asset Inventory** 

## **Asset Inventory**

- Existing Private Sector Partnerships
  - Private Tower Companies
  - Automation Alley
- Existing Public Sector Partnerships
  - CVTs, RCOC, OCDC, MBDA
- Physical Infrastructure



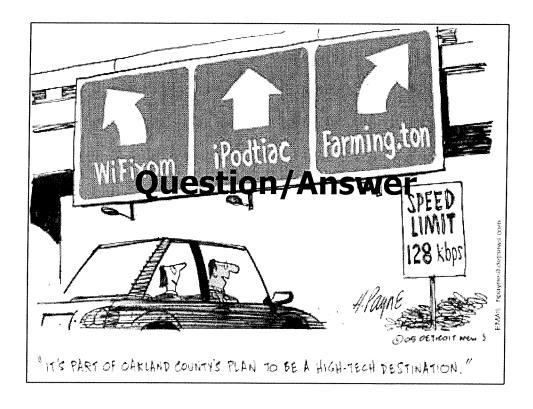
## **Asset Summary**

- Approximately 2400 inventoried to date
  - Worth hundreds of millions of dollars
- Additional assets pledged by future partners

February 2005	County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announces Wireless Oakland initiative at his State of the County Address.
March 2005	Wireless Oakland Project Team holds a Public and Private Sector Summit to gather feedback on the initiative. Over 300 individuals from the private sector and more than 100 individuals from the public sector attend the two events.
April 29, 2005	Wireless Oakland Project Team releases its Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The RFQ is downloaded more than 500 times in the first week.
May 1, 2005	Over 20 local governments in Oakland County submit requests to be Wireless Oakland pilot communities.
May 25, 2005	Approximately 80 individuals representing 45 private sector companies from throughout the country attend the Wireless Oakland RFQ Pre-Bid Meeting.
June 27, 2005	Submission deadline for the Wireless Oakland RFQ responses.
July 2005	The Wireless Oakland Public Corporation formed.
August 2005	Wireless Oakland Private Sector partners selected. Wireless Oakland Pilot Communities also selected.
September 2005	Wireless Oakland Demonstration Project conducted.
Fall 2005	The Wireless Oakland Pilot Projects begin.
Early 2007	Wireless Oakland build-out complete.

## **Closing Comments**

- Oakland County is a unique opportunity...
  - Highly educated, affluent community
  - Concentrated broadband consumption
  - Strong public sector leadership
  - Committed public sector partners
  - Valuable public assets available



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